



SOUTH CAROLINA RECIPROCITY/WAIVER AGREEMENTS

THE SOUTH CAROLINA RECIPROCITY AGREEMENTS ONLY WAIVE THE TECHNICAL PORTION OF THE EXAM.

All eligible applicants that have passed a technical exam(s) listed on page 2 must do the following:

1. Pass the SC Business Management and Law for Commercial Contractors exam through PSI (call 800-733-9267 or register online at www.psiexams.com).
2. Contact your state licensing board for a license verification that shows you took their exam, and your license is active and in good standing with the board.
3. See [Applying for a License by Waiver/Reciprocity](#) on how to apply for the license after passing the above exam and receiving your states' license verification form/letter.

RECIPROCAL STATES:

South Carolina only has reciprocity agreements with the states listed below, and the MASC (see page 2 for the complete list of reciprocal states and the technical exams we accept in each state).

- Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Ohio, Reading Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, and Utah.
- **Municipal Association of SC (MASC):**
 - Master Electrical (if exam passed after 1/1/1990)
 - Master Plumbing (if exam passed after 1/1/1990)
 - Master Mechanical/HVAC (if exam passed after 9/6/2013)
- You must have taken one of the reciprocal technical exams listed on page 2. Licensees that were "grandfathered" or waived an exam in from another state do not qualify for waiver/reciprocity.
- Your license must be current and in good standing with the state's licensing board or MASC.
- If your state is not listed, or if your state is listed but the exam you took is not listed, you are not eligible for waiver/reciprocity. You will be required to take the SC exams (800-733-9267, www.psiexams.com).

MANDATORY REQUIREMENT FOR ALL WAIVER/RECIPROCAL APPLICANTS:

ALL applicants applying by waiver/reciprocity must pass the South Carolina's "BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND LAW FOR COMMERCIAL CONTRACTORS EXAM". Contact PSI at (800) 733-9267 to schedule the exam, or register online at www.psiexams.com.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONTRACTOR'S LICENSING BOARD

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RECIPROCAL STATES:	ACCEPTED TECHNICAL EXAMS:	CLASSIFICATIONS S.C. ISSUES (see classification definitions on next page)
<u>ALABAMA</u>	• Electrical	EL
<u>GEORGIA</u>	• Un-Restricted Electrical	EL
	• Un-Restricted Conditioned Air (if exam passed after 6/30/80).....	AC, HT
<u>LOUISIANA</u>	• Building Construction	BD
	• Statewide Mechanical	AC, HT
	• Highway, Street, and Bridge Construction	AP, CP, GD, BR
	• Asphalt Hot & Cold Plant Mix, and Asphalt Surface Treatment (2 exams)	AP
	• Paved Highways, and Concrete & Soil Treatment (2 exams).....	CP
	• Concrete, Steel, and Wood Bridges (3 exams).....	BR
	• Heavy Construction General - Transmission Pipeline, Tunnels.....	BT, PL
	• Heavy Construction Mechanical - Industrial Piping	2P
	• Transmission Pipeline	PL
	• Tunnels	BT
	• Earthwork, Drainage, and Levees (3 exams)	GD
	• Municipal & Public Works Construction	WL, WP
	• Sewer, and Storm Drains & Waterlines (2 exams).....	WL
	• Filter Plants & Water Purification	WP
<u>MISSISSIPPI</u>	• Building.....	BD
	• Electrical	EL
<u>NORTH CAROLINA</u>	• Building.....	BD
	• Electrical - Limited	EL (Group Limits 1 & 2 only)
	• Electrical - Intermediate	EL (Group Limits 1-3 only)
	• Electrical - Unlimited.....	EL (Group Limits 1-5)
	• Grading	GD
	• Highway (if exam passed before 4/1/1999)	HY
	• Roofing	SR
	• Public Utilities	WL, WP
	• Public Utilities - Water & Sewer Lines.....	WL
	• Public Utilities - Water Purification & Sewage Disposal	WP
<u>OHIO</u>	• Electrical	EL
	• Plumbing.....	PB
	• HVAC.....	PK
<u>PENNSYLVANIA</u>	• Mechanical/Electrical (from Reading, PA only)	EL
<u>TENNESSEE</u>	• BC, BC-B, BC-A,B, BC-B,C	BD (Group Limits 1-5)
	• BC-C, BC-b, BC-A,b.....	BD (Group Limits 1-3 only)
	• CMC.....	AC, RG, PB
	• CMC-C.....	AC, RG
	• CMC-A.....	PB
	• CE.....	EL
<u>TEXAS</u>	• Class A Air Conditioning/Refrigeration, or, Class A Air Conditioning	AC, HT
	• Class B Air Conditioning, or, Class B Air Conditioning/Refrigeration.....	PK
	• Class A Air Refrigeration	RG
<u>UTAH</u>	• S350 HVAC	AC
	• B100 General Building	BD (Group Limits 1-5)
	• R100 Residential/Small Commercial	BD (Group Limits 1-3 only)
	• S200 Master Electrician	EL
	• S260 GC Concrete	CT
	• S280 General Roofing	GR
	• S240 Glass & Glazing.....	GG
	• S310 Excavation & Grading	GD
	• S353 Warm Air Heating	HT
	• S351 Refrigerated Air Conditioning	PK
	• S360 Refrigeration.....	RG
	• S320 Steel Erector.....	SF
	• S380 Swimming Pool & Spa	SP
	• S390 Sewer & Waste Water Pipeline	WL
MASC (Submit copy of license card or passing exam certification letter)	• Master Plumbing (if exam passed after 1/1/1990).....	PB
	• Master Electrical (If exam passed after 1/1/1990).....	EL
	• Master HVAC (if exam passed after 1/1/1990).....	AC, HT, PK, RG

***** Reminder: ALL WAIVER APPLICANTS MUST PASS THE S.C. BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND LAW EXAM THROUGH PSI (800-733-9267) *****

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CLASSIFICATION ABBREVIATIONS and PROJECT \$ LIMITATIONS



The two-letter combo on a license indicates the classification(s) of work (i.e. **BD3** = Building).

The number behind the two-letter classification indicates the monetary limitation per contract (i.e. **BD3** = \$500,000).

GENERAL CONTRACTOR classifications	MECHANICAL CONTRACTOR classifications
Asphalt Paving AP	Air Conditioning AC
Boiler Installation BL	Electrical EL
Boring & Tunneling (no technical exam) BT	Heating HT
Bridges BR	Lightning Protection LP
Building (BD, LB, UB) * BD	Packaged Equipment PK
Concrete CT	Plumbing PB
Concrete Paving CP	Pressure and Process Piping **** 1P/2P
General Roofing GR	Refrigeration RG
Glass & Glazing GG	
Grading GD	
Highway ** HY	
Highway Incidental (no technical exam) HI	
Interior Renovation (no technical exam) IR	
Marine MR	
Masonry (no technical exam) MS	
Pipelines PL	
Pre-Engineered Metal Buildings MB	
Public Electrical Utility *** 1U/2U	
Railroad (no technical exam) RR	
Specialty Roofing SR	
Structural Framing SF	
Structural Shapes (no technical exam) SS	
Swimming Pools SP	
Water & Sewer Lines WL	
Water & Sewer Plants WP	
Wood Frame Structures WF	

* **Building (BD)** classification: Includes **GR, IR, MB, MS, SS, WF**.

- **LB** qualifiers took the **Limited Building exam**; they can only apply for Groups 1-3, and cannot work over 3 stories.
- **UB** qualifiers took the **Unlimited Building exam** and do not have the LB restrictions.

** **Highway (HY)** classification: Includes **AP, CP, BR, GD, HI**. Given to licensees that have passed the AP, CP, BR, GD exams and submitted required experience for HI.

*** **Public Electrical Utility (1U vs. 2U)** classification: **1U** given to licensees tested prior to 4/1/99 - they can engage in stadium lighting work. **2U** given to licensees tested after 4/1/99 - they cannot engage in stadium lighting work.

**** **Pressure and Process Piping (1P vs. 2P)** classification: **1P** given to licensees tested prior to 4/1/99 - they can engage in boiler work. **2P** given to licensees tested after 4/1/99 - they cannot engage in boiler work.

GROUP LIMITATIONS

FINANCIAL STATEMENT NET WORTH REQUIREMENTS / SURETY BOND REQUIREMENTS

GENERAL CONTRACTORS				MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS			
Group #	\$ LIMIT PER JOB	NET WORTH REQUIREMENT	SURETY BOND REQUIREMENT	Group #	\$ LIMIT PER JOB	NET WORTH REQUIREMENT	SURETY BOND REQUIREMENT
Group #1	\$50,000	\$10,000	\$20,000	Group #1	\$17,500	\$3,500	\$7,000
Group #2	\$200,000	\$40,000	\$80,000	Group #2	\$50,000	\$10,000	\$20,000
Group #3	\$500,000	\$100,000	\$200,000	Group #3	\$100,000	\$20,000	\$40,000
Group #4	\$1,500,000	\$175,000	\$350,000	Group #4	\$200,000	\$40,000	\$80,000
Group #5	\$Unlimited	\$250,000	\$500,000	Group #5	\$Unlimited	\$200,000	\$400,000